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MOTION BY SUPERVISORS ZEV YAROSLAVSKY AND YVONNE B. BURKE
May 11, 2004

On April 20, 2004, an inmate housed in Men's Central Jail and scheduled to testify for the prosecution was killed by another inmate. This crime follows a series of other lethal attacks by inmates against inmates in Sheriff's custody facilities. On December 16, 2003 this Board asked that the Sheriff take corrective actions to reduce such homicides in the jail. The most recent inmate homicide is particularly alarming in that it follows a series of recommendations made by the Sheriff following previous homicides at Sheriff's jail facilities.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors request that Merrick Bobb, in consultation with the Sheriff, report back to the Board, in closed session, within 30 days, on the circumstances surrounding this latest death. This report should consider prior recommendations and corrective actions proposed to reduce inmate homicides and specifically address how those actions failed to prevent the most recent killing. Additional recommendations should be made that can be incorporated in courthouse and jail procedures that would prevent such homicides and other lethal attacks in County jail facilities in the future.

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